



# Danville DIGEST

30 January 2014

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents,

I hope that by now all our Grade 8's, new girls in other grades and our new staff have settled in well and have felt welcomed.

We are so proud of our Class of 2013, and were honoured to receive a visit from delegates of the KZN Legislature who came to congratulate us on their achievements. Our 2013 matrics have really set the benchmark high, but I am sure the Class of 2014 will rise to the challenge. In the meanwhile, we wish the 2013 matrics well in their chosen tertiary institutions and look forward to hearing from them in the future.

My message to the rest of the school is that everyone needs to start working from Grade 8. The new curriculum, CAPS, has now been introduced into Grades 8 and 9 and the pass marks for these grades have been raised. Pupils now need to achieve 50% in English, 40% in Afrikaans and 40% in Mathematics. In addition, they need to achieve 40% in three other subjects and 30% in two other subjects. In fact, throughout the school, I have been informing all the girls for a while now, that the true pass mark is 50%. This should be every girl's minimum aim as this is the requirement for University exemption.

It is really pleasing that 190 of our 191 2013 matrics achieved University entrance passes and it is rewarding that the girls have taken our advice to heart and worked hard.

Best wishes for a successful 2014.

Kind regards,  
**Cally Maddams**



CLASS OF 2013



KZN LEGISLATURE DELEGATES



NEW MEMBERS OF THE DANVILLE FAMILY

# Highlights

*Linking hands,*

## **Congratulations to the Class of 2013**

The 2013 matric results were outstanding. Danville once again obtained a 100% pass for the 20th consecutive year. To top this, there was a 100% pass rate in every subject! The girls obtained a 99.5% university entrance – an outstanding achievement.



**together we can.**

## **Danville is the “pride of the Ethekeweni Region”**

Danville Park was visited on Wednesday by officials from the KwaZulu Natal Legislature, Department of Education, Members of Parliament and the Honourable Deputy Mayor of Durban, Nomvuzo Shabalala, to commend the school on producing consistently outstanding results year after year. The Deputy Speaker of the Legislature, the Honourable Mtholephi Mthimkhulu, acknowledged that the standard achieved by Danville pupils was not only the consequence of excellent facilities but rather resulted from superb management and outstanding team spirit among staff, pupils and parents. The group concurred that Danville flies the flag high for education and is, in the words of the Honourable Mtholephi Mthimkhulu, “the pride of the Ethekeweni region”.

## **DATES TO DIARISE**

05 Feb	Grade 7 Information Evening
06 Feb	Grade 7 Information Evening
08 Feb	Grade 6 Information Afternoon
13 Feb	Junior Prizegiving
19 Feb	Class & Individual Photo's

## **Christian Mom's Prayer Group**

We welcome any parents who would like to join us as we pray for the needs of our school. We meet at 8:00 am on TUESDAYS in the Media Centre.

For further details, contact  
Lesley Sorour : 0836482723  
or  
Brenda Ballack : 0833275387.

**Look forward to seeing you soon!**

## Welcome to the Class of 2018

On the 14th of January 2014, Danville Park Girls' High School welcomed the Grade 8 girls at the start of their high school careers.

Buttercup yellow dresses, smiling faces and nervous laughter filled the corridors as the orientation tours began.

The two days of orientation, mentorship and making new friends was capped by the ringing of the bell and the Danville Pledge.

Welcome to the Danville family, class of 2018!



GRADE 8 ORIENTATION



LINKING HANDS TOGETHER WE CAN!



FIRST DAY!



RINGING THE BELL

## ENVIRO NEWS!

Danville is awarded the Eco-Schools flag for the 9th time.

Danville was awarded a Special Merit Platinum Award for the fourth time, in recognition of nine years of sustained effort. The special theme for 2013 was 'Water for all'. Action projects, special day celebrations and lessons in different grades and learning areas had to be linked in some way to this important environmental theme.

The awards letter from Eco-schools stated that:



MRS MANN, RAEESA KHAN, MEGAN MOODLEY,  
& MRS JONES

"Danville Park has made huge strides over the years towards maintaining and improving your sustainability practices, and it's humbling to see the dedication and passion that has driven your school to become a shining Eco-example to your community!"

It's clear that passion and dedication underlies all of the work undertaken at Danville Park Girls' High School, and the progress made is truly inspirational. Congratulations for being an admired Eco-School to your community and other schools in your area."

"In 2014, Danville Park Girls' High School will be eligible for the Diamond Decade Award! This is a huge accomplishment, with Danville becoming one of the first schools in the country to have been on the Eco-Schools Programme for 10 years."



## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

The Danville family welcome Mrs Harris and Mrs Ribbonaar to the Afrikaans and Drama departments. We trust that their stay at Danville will be a long and happy one.